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SENATE.

Tuesday, May 25, 1824—128th day.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the bills, entitled "An act making appropriations to carry into effect certain Indian treaties," "An act for the relief of certain distillers in the United States," and "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange a stock, bearing an interest of four and a half per cent., for certain stocks bearing an interest of six per cent.," reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. SMITH, from the same Committee, reported the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the employment of additional clerks, and certain messengers and assistants, and other persons, in the several Departments," with an amendment, which was read; and the bill was considered as in Committee of the whole—the amendment agreed to, and the amendment being concurred in, was ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time as amended.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Finance, reported the bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1824, with an amendment, which was read, and the bill was considered as in Committee of the whole; when the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment being concurred in, was ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time as amended.

Mr. LANMAN, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported the bill, entitled "An act to discontinue certain post roads, and to establish others," without amendment; and it was considered as in Committee of the whole, and, on motion of Mr. LANMAN, indefinitely postponed.

Mr. VAN BUREN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill, entitled "An act to regulate the mode of practice in the Courts of the United States, for the District of Louisiana," without amendment—considered as in Committee of the whole, and reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the legal representatives of the Marquis de Maison Rouge, and those claiming under him, to institute a suit against the United States, and for other purposes," without amendment.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph M. White and William Davidson," without amendment; considered as in Committee of the whole, and reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. BROWN, from the Select Committee on Roads and Canals, reported the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the surveying and making of a road from a point in the northwestern boundary of the state of Ohio, near the foot of the Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, to Detroit, in the territory of Michigan, without amendment."

Mr. BARTON, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported the bill, entitled "An act reserving to the Wyandot tribe of Indians, a certain tract of land in lieu of a reservation made to them by treaty," without amendment, and it was considered as in Committee of the whole; reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act concerning pre-emption rights in the territory of Arkansas," without amendment; considered as in Committee of the whole, and reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act to establish an additional Land Office in the state of Missouri," without amendment; considered as in Committee of the whole, reported without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. KING, of Alabama, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported the bill, entitled "An act granting to the Corporation of Tuscaloosa, certain lots and privileges over the reservations and commons in said town," without amendment—considered as in Committee of the whole; reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, providing for the examination of titles to land, in that part of the state of Louisiana, situated between the Rio Hondo and the Sabine river," without amendment—considered as in Committee of the whole; reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act granting a tract of land to the Parish of West Baton Rouge on certain conditions," without amendment—considered as in Committee of the whole; reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act granting a tract of land to the inhabitants of the Parish of Point Coupee on certain conditions," without amendment—considered as in Committee of the whole; reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. DICKERSON, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, reported the bill, entitled "An act concerning wrecks on the coast of Florida," without amendment—considered as in Committee of the whole; reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act to establish Bowdoinham, in the state of Maine; Troy and Hudson, in the state of New York, and Fairport, in the state of Ohio, ports of delivery," without amendment—considered as in Committee of the whole, and indefinitely postponed.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act to allow a salary to the Collectors of the Districts of Nantucket and Pensacola, and to abolish the office of Surveyor of the District of Pensacola," without amendment; and it was considered as in Committee of the whole, reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. DICKERSON, from the Joint Library Committee, reported the bill, entitled "An act authorizing an appropriation for the use of the Library of Congress," without amendment—considered in Committee of the whole; reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. EATON asked, and obtained leave, to bring in a resolution directing the Secretary to pay out of the contingent fund of the Senate, one thousand dollars to Enrico Causici, which was read, and ordered to a second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, directing the Secretary of the Navy to report information on the expediency of constructing, at one of the Navy Yards, a dry dock, and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, directing the Secretary of the Navy to report to the Senate a statement of the allowances for travelling expenses, and the emoluments of the officers of the Navy, and agreed thereto.

On motion of Mr. BROWN, Ordered, That the Select Committee on Roads and Canals, be discharged from the resolution of the General Assembly of Indiana, relative to a national road from Wheeling to the Mississippi river; and also from the resolution of the Senate, of the 5th of January last.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to revive and extend the term of certain pensions which have expired by limitation;" reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion by Mr. RUGGLES, Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the several petitions and memorials which have been referred to them, and not reported upon.

On motion by Mr. RUGGLES, Ordered, That Daniel Brown have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the state of Indiana to open a canal through the public lands, to connect the navigation of the rivers Wabash and the Miami of Lake Erie;" reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs, be discharged from the consideration of all subjects referred to them, on which they have not reported.

Mr. EATON, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported the bill, entitled "An act to confer certain powers on the Levy Court of the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," without amendment—considered as

in Committee of the whole, reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act enabling the claimants to lands within the limits of the state of Missouri, and territory of Arkansas, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims," together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Public Lands; the said amendments were agreed to, and the bill having been further amended, was reported to the Senate; and the amendments being concurred in, were ordered to be engrossed, and the bill to be read a third time as amended.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the territory of Florida to open a canal through the public lands, to unite the river St. Johns, with the Bay of St. Augustine,"—indefinitely postponed.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for deepening the channel leading into the harbour of Presque Isle, and for repairing Plymouth Beach;" reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing letters patent to Nathaniel Sylvester;" reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act granting a right of pre-emption to certain actual settlers in that part of the former province of West Florida, included in the district of Jackson Courthouse, in the state of Mississippi, and in the district of Helena Courthouse, in the state of Louisiana"—indefinitely postponed.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act granting donations to certain actual settlers in the territory of Florida;" reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act for altering the time for holding the Circuit Court of the United States for the Fourth Circuit in the Maryland District; reported without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act appropriating a sum of money to Benjamin Huffman, of the state of Indiana;" reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Also, the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and seventh sections of the act, entitled "An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," passed 3d March, 1815—laid on the table.

The amendment to the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, approved on the 3d day of March, 1819, entitled 'An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices,'" having been reported correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended, and PASSED.

The amendment to the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act changing the mode of surveying the public lands on any river, lake, bayou, or water course, in the state of Mississippi and territory of Arkansas," having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed; read the third time as amended, and the title amended by striking out the words, "in the state of Mississippi and territory of Arkansas," was passed with the amendments.

The amendments to the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act, supplementary to the act, 'to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington,'" passed the 15th day of May, 1820, having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended, and PASSED.

The amendment to the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act for the relief of John Mitchell," having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended, and PASSED.

The amendment to the bill from the House, entitled "An act to authorize masters of vessels, in certain cases, to clear out either at the Custom-house of Petersburg or that of Richmond," having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time as amended, and PASSED.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the whole, the following bills, viz.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building of lighthouses, light-vessels, and beacons therein mentioned, and for other purposes," together with the amendments reported thereto by the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures. The said amendments being agreed to, and the bill further amended, it was report-

ed to the Senate, and the amendments being concurred, were ordered to be engrossed, and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the payment of the claims of Daniel D. Tompkins, late Governor of the state of New-York, against the United States," reported without amendment, and ordered to a third reading—Yea 24, Nays 4.

YEAS, 24—Messrs. Bell, Benton, Brown, Clayton, Dickerson, Edwards, Gaillard, Holmes, Mc. Holmes, Miss. Henry Johnson, J. S. Johnson, Kelly, King, Ala. Lanman, Lowrie, Macon, Noble, Parrott, Ruggles, Seymour, Smith, Thomas, Van Buren, Van Dyke.

NAYS, 4—Messrs. Benton, Chandler, Eaton, Taylor.

The following written Message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. EVERETT, his Secretary.

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit to the Senate a report from the Secretary of State, concerning two resolutions of the Senate of the 8th of January and 1st March last, which had been referred to him.

Washington, 25th May, 1824.

JAMES MONROE.

The message and report were read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act explanatory of an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the officers, volunteers, and other persons engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians,'" passed 4th May, 1822, and concurred therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the legal representatives of the Marquis de Maison Rouge, and those claiming under him, to institute a suit against the United States, and for other purposes," reported to the Senate without amendment. And, on the question, "Shall this bill pass to a third reading?" it was determined in the negative—yeas 14, nays 15. So the bill was rejected.

YEAS, 14—Messrs. Benton, Holmes, Miss. H. Johnson, J. S. Johnston, Kelly, King, Ala. Lowrie, Noble, Ruggles, Seymour, Smith, Thomas, Van Buren, Williams.

NAYS, 15—Messrs. Barton, Bell, Brown, Chandler, Clayton, Dickerson, Eaton, Edwards, Gaillard, Holmes, Mc. Lanman, Lloyd, Mass. Macon, Parrott, Van Dyke.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange a stock bearing an interest of five per cent. for certain stocks bearing an interest of six per cent." reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

The House adjourned to six o'clock.

SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the whole, the following bills, viz. "An act making appropriations to carry into effect certain Indian treaties," reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of certain distillers in the United States," reported to the Senate without amendment, and ordered to a third reading.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be discharged from the further consideration of all subjects referred to them and not reported upon.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the surveying and making of a road from a point in the northwestern boundary of the state of Ohio, near the foot of the Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, to Detroit, in the territory of Michigan," reported to the Senate without amendment. And, on the question, "Shall this bill be read a third time?" it was determined in the affirmative—yeas 20, nays 8.

YEAS, 20—Messrs. Barton, Benton, Brown, Dickerson, Findlay, Gaillard, Holmes of Me. Holmes of Miss. J. S. Johnston, Kelly, Lanman, Lloyd, Noble, Parrott, Ruggles, Seymour, Smith, Taylor of Ind. Thomas, Williams.

NAYS, 8—Messrs. Bell, Chandler, Clayton, Eaton, Edwards, King of Ala. Lowrie, Macon.

The resolutions to compensate the members to the Senate—postponed until to-morrow. Adjourned.

Wednesday, May 26th, 1824.—129th day.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for the military service of the United States for the year 1824," having been reported correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended, and PASSED.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the

building of light houses, light vessels, and beacons, therein mentioned, and for other purposes," was reported correctly engrossed, read a third time, and *PASSED* as amended.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the employment of additional Clerks, and certain messengers and assistants, and other persons, in the several departments," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time as amended, and the bill was further amended by unanimous consent, and *PASSED* as amended.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act enabling the claimants to lands within the limits of the state of Missouri and territory of Arkansas, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims," having been reported correctly engrossed, the bill was read the third time, and *PASSED* as amended.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Mitchell," and concurred therein.

The following bills from the House of Representatives, viz : "An act to alter the Judicial Districts of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes;" "An act granting certain lots of ground to the corporation of the city of Mobile, and to certain individuals of said city;" "An act to provide for the sale of lands conveyed to the United States, in certain cases, and for other purposes;" "An act to regulate the fees of the Registers of Wills, in the several counties within the District of Columbia;" "An act for the relief of the corporation of the Church of St. Anne, and to authorize the extension of Larned street, in the town of Detroit;" "An act making an appropriation towards the extinguishment of the Quaupau title to lands in the territory of Arkansas;" "An act for the relief of Arthur N. Henley;" "An act for the relief of John Holliday;" "An act for the benefit of the Columbian Institute;" "An act to allow further time to complete the issuing and locating of military land warrants;" "An act granting to the counties or parishes of each state and territory of the United States, in which the public lands are situated, the right of pre-emption to quarter sections of land, for seats of justice within the same;" "An act providing for the disposition of three several tracts of land in Tuscarawas county, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes;" "An act for the relief of Samuel Cleveland, jr.;" "An act to allow the bounty to vessels employed in the Cod fisheries, in certain cases;" "An act to authorize the President to exchange five arpents of land on the south side of the public lot at Baton Rouge, for an equal quantity of land on the north side of said lot;" "An act to authorize the President of the United States to enter into certain negotiations relative to lands located under Virginia military land warrants, lying between Roberts' and Ludlow's lines, in the state of Ohio;" "An act further to regulate the inspection of flour in the county of Alexandria;" "An act to revive and extend the term of certain pensions, which have expired by limitation;" "An act to authorize the state of Indiana to open a canal through the public lands, to connect the navigation of the rivers Wabash and the Miami of Lake Erie;" "An act to authorize the issuing letters patent to Nathaniel Sylvester;" "An act making appropriations for deepening the channel leading into the harbour of Presque Isle, and for repairing Plymouth Beach;" "An act granting donations of land to certain actual settlers in the territory of Florida;" "An act for altering the time for holding the Circuit Court of the United States for the fourth Circuit in the Maryland District;" "An act appropriating a certain sum of money to Benjamin Huffman, of the state of Indiana;" "An act to alter the Judicial District of Virginia, and for other purposes;" "An act making an appropriation for the payment of the claims of Daniel D. Tompkins, late governor of the state of New-York, against the United States;" "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, to exchange a stock bearing an interest of five per cent. for certain stocks bearing an interest of six per cent;" "An act making appropriations to carry into effect certain Indian treaties;" "An act for the relief of certain distillers in the United States;" "An act to regulate the mode of practice in the Courts of the United States for the District of Louisiana;" "An act for the relief of Joseph M. White and William Davidson;" "An act concerning pre-emption rights in the territory of Arkansas;" "An act granting a tract of land to the inhabitants of the parish of Point Coupee, on certain conditions;" "An act granting a tract of land to the parish of West Baton Rouge, on certain conditions;" "An act supplementary to an act providing for the examination of titles to land in that part of the state of Louisiana, situated between the

Rio Hondo and the Sabine river;" "An act granting to the corporation of the Tuscaloosa, certain lots and privileges over the reservations and commons in said town;" "An act concerning wrecks on the Coast of Florida;" "An act to allow a salary to the Collectors of the districts of Nantucket and Pensacola, and to abolish the office of Surveyor of the District of Pensacola;" "An act to authorize the surveying and making of a road from a point in the north western boundary, of the state of Ohio, near the foot of the Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, to Detroit, in the territory of Michigan;" "An act authorizing an appropriation for the use of the Library of Congress;" "An act to confer certain powers on the Levy Court of the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes;" "An act to establish an additional Land Office in the state of Missouri;" and "An act reserving to the Wyandot tribe of Indians a certain tract of land, in lieu of a reservation made to them by treaty," were severally read the third time and *PASSED*.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the resolutions to compensate the Messengers to the Senate: the blanks were filled, the resolutions reported without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed a third time.

The resolution directing the Secretary to pay out of the contingent fund of the Senate 1000 dollars to Enrico Causici, was read the second time, and considered as in Committee of the whole—reported to the Senate without amendment; and on the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time? determined in the negative.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building of light houses, light vessels and beacons, therein mentioned, and for other purposes; disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and, Resolved, that they recede therefrom.

After the consideration of Executive business, the Senate adjourned to seven o'clock, P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK—EVENING.

The resolutions to compensate the Messengers of the Senate having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, were read the third time by unanimous consent, and passed as follows:

Resolved, That Robert Tweedy and George Hicks, assistants to the Sergeant-at-Arms and door-keeper to the Senate, be paid out of the contingent fund two dollars a day for each day they have attended the Senate during the present session of Congress; and that Tobias Simpson be paid two dollars a day from the first day of the present session, to the first day of January, for his services as assistant; and that James Tims be allowed one dollar and fifty cents per day, for his attendance during the present session.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the contingent fund, to Robert Tweedy, Tobias Simpson, and George Hicks, the sum of one hundred and seventy-nine dollars each, for extra services the present session.

On motion by Mr. BARTON, *Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of all subjects referred to them, and not reported upon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act of Congress, passed 13th June, 1812, entitled An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the territory of Missouri, and concurred therein.

After the consideration of Executive business, adjourned to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, May 27th, 1824.—130th day.

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution of the House, for the appointment of a joint Committee to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that, unless he may have any further communication to make to the two Houses of Congress, they are ready to adjourn; and concurred, and *Ordered*, That Mr. SMITH and Mr. MACON, be the Committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that the Senate, having finished the legislative business before them, are about to adjourn.

After the consideration of executive business, on motion, the President adjourned the Senate *sine die*.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

[CONTINUED FROM JULY 10, 1824.]

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill to authorize the representatives of the Marquis de Maison Rouge, and those claiming under him, to institute a suit against the United States to try the validity of their titles, be discharged from the consideration thereof. The said bill was then amended in the House, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill authorizing the employment of additional clerks and certain messengers and assistants, and other persons in the several Departments; also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act relative to the Patent Office, and to the salary of the superintendent thereof," reported to the House by Mr. CONDICT, with sundry amendments to the first mentioned, and with the enacting words stricken out of the last mentioned bill.

The amendments to the bill authorizing the employment of additional clerks, and certain messengers and assistants, and other persons in the several Departments, were read and concurred in by the House, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-day. The question was then taken to concur with the Committee of the whole House, in striking out the enacting words of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act relative to the Patent Office, and to the salary of the superintendent thereof?" and passed in the affirmative, and so the bill was rejected.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. MOSHER, his Secretary, as follows:—

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to the House of Representatives, a report of the Secretary of the Navy, in compliance with their resolution of the 14th of April last, respecting prize agents, which report contains the information requested.

Washington City, May 22d, 1824.

JAMES MONROE.

The said message was read and laid upon the table.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to establish an additional Land Office in the State of Missouri," was read the third time and PASSED.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to allow a salary to the collector of the District of Pensacola, and to abolish the office of Surveyor; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. SHARPE reported the same with an amendment; which was read and concurred in by the House, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

Ordered, That the several Committees of the whole House, to which is committed the bill granting a tract of land to the inhabitants of the Parish of Point Coupe on certain conditions; and the bill granting a tract of land to the Parish of West Baton Rouge on certain conditions, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bills be engrossed and severally read a third time, to-day.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for the Military service of the United States for the year 1824," was read the third time, and PASSED; the title ordered to be amended by adding the words, "and for other purposes."

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act authorizing an appropriation for the use of the Library of Congress," was read the third time, and PASSED. *Ordered,* That the title be amended by adding thereto these words, "and for furnishing rooms in the Capitol."

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill reserving to the Wyandot tribe of Indians, a certain tract of land in lieu of a reservation made to them by treaty, be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and that the said bills be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill concerning pre-emption rights in the territory of Arkansas, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to enable the President to hold treaties with certain Indian tribes, and for other purposes;" reported by Mr. BRENT with an amendment, which was read and agreed to by the House; and the amendment ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time, to-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Hezekiah Langley and Benjamin M. Belt;" as also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Alexander McNair;" reported by Mr. BURTON with an amendment to the last mentioned bill, which was read and concurred in by the House; and ordered that the first mentioned bill be read a third time, on Monday next; and that the amendment to the bill for the relief of Alexander McNair be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange a stock bearing an interest of five per cent., for certain stocks bearing an interest of six per cent.; reported by Mr. CONDICT with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. FRANCIS JOHNSON, that the said bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next, which being decided in the negative, it was ordered that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz: "An act to authorize the legal representatives of the Marquis de Maison Rouge and those claiming under him to institute a suit against the United States, and for other purposes;" An act making appropriations to carry into effect certain Indian treaties; An act concerning pre-emption rights in the territory of Arkansas; An act granting a tract of land to the inhabitants of Point Coupe on certain conditions; An act reserving to the Wyandot tribe of Indians, a certain tract of land in lieu of a reservation made to them by treaty; An act to allow a salary to the Collectors of the District of Nantucket and Pensacola, and to abolish the office of Surveyor of the District of Pensacola; were severally read the third time, and PASSED.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Alexander McNair," was read the third time, and PASSED as amended.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to enable the President to hold treaties with certain Indian tribes, and for other purposes;" was read the third time, and PASSED as amended.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George Fisher;" were read and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz: 1st, An act for the relief of Joseph Forrest; 2d, An act in further addition to an act, to establish an uniform rule of naturalization and to repeal the acts heretofore passed on that subject; 3d, An act to amend an act, supplemental to an act, entitled "An act to carry into effect the ninth article of a treaty concluded between the United States and Spain, the 22d February, 1819," approved the third March, 1823; 4th, An act to extinguish Indian claims to lands within the state of Missouri; were severally read the first and second time and referred; the 1st, to the Committee on Commerce; the 2d, to the Committee on the Judiciary; the 3d, to the Committee on Foreign Affairs; the 4th, to the Committee on Public Lands.

The joint resolution from the Senate, "authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish a copy of Tanner's American Atlas to each of the ministers Plenipotentiary, and Charge des Affaires of the United States, at Foreign Governments;" was read the first and second time, and laid upon the table. *Adjourned.*

Monday, May 24th, 1824—137th day.

Ordered, That Mr. ALLEN, of Mass. have leave of absence from the service of this House, from to-day, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. FORSYTH, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend an act supplemental to an act, entitled An act to carry into effect the ninth article of a treaty concluded between the United States and Spain, the 22d day of February, 1819," approved the 3d March, 1823; reported the same without amendment. *Ordered,* to lie upon the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Thaddeus Gilbert, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. KENT, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act to incorporate a company for making certain turnpike roads in the District of Columbia;" reported the same without amendment—laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George Fisher," and that the said amendments be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. PLUMER, of N. H. from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the punishment of certain crimes, when committed in any Navy Yard, Fort, Arsenal, Magazine, Dock Yard, Light-House, or any other place belonging to the United States; reported the same without amendment—committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary, be discharged from the further consideration of the message from the President of the United States, of the 18th instant, communicating a report of Alexander Hamilton, respecting land claims in Florida, and that the same be again referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw all the petitions and memorials which have heretofore been presented to this House, in relation to titles and claims to lands in the state of Missouri and territory of Arkansas.

On motion of Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, *Resolved,* That the Doorkeeper be authorized to continue one of the messengers in his service during the recesses of Congress; to be employed in cleaning and preserving the furniture, and in cleaning and airing the House.

Mr. CAMRELENG laid the following resolution on the table for consideration to-morrow, viz: *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to ascertain and report to Congress, at its next session, the rate of interest at which the Bank of the United States will continue the United States loan of seven millions.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Demas Deming, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts providing for ascertaining and adjusting titles and claims to lands in the St. Helena and Jackson Court House land districts;" reported by Mr. INGHAM without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

The resolution laid on the table by Mr. TRIMBLE, on the 19th instant, was taken up, read, and agreed to by the House.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Hezekiah Langley and Benjamin M. Belt," was read a third time, and PASSED.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz: An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange a stock bearing an interest of four and a half per cent. for certain stocks bearing an interest of six per cent.; An act establishing Bowdoinham, in the state of Maine, Troy and Hudson, in the state of New-York, and Fairport, in the state of Ohio, ports of delivery; An act granting a tract of land to the Parish of West Baton Rouge, on certain conditions; An act authorizing the employment of additional clerks and certain messengers and assistants, and other persons in the several departments; were severally read the third time, and PASSED.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, to regulate the mode of practice in the Courts of the United States, for the District of Louisiana; reported to the House without amendment, by Mr. DWIGHT, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Joseph M. White and William Davidson of Florida, be dis-

charged from the consideration thereof, and that it be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

Also, on the bill for the relief of certain distillers in the United States; reported without amendment, by Mr. STERLING, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill to abolish the office of measurer, be discharged from the consideration thereof. The House proceeded to consider the said bill; on motion laid on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land in the St. Helena and Jackson Court House land districts, was read the third time, and passed with amendments.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz: An act for the relief of certain distillers in the United States; An act for the relief of Joseph M. White and William Davidson; An act to regulate the mode of practice in the Courts of the United States, for the District of Louisiana; were severally read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill concerning wrecks on the Coast of Florida, be discharged from the consideration thereof; the said bill was then amended, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz: 1st, An act to fix the western boundary line of the territory of Arkansas and for other purposes; 2d, An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris; 3d, An act to complete the survey of the southern and western boundary of the state of Missouri; 4th, An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Robinson, deceased; 5th, An act explanatory of an act, entitled "An act to provide for the extinguishment of the debt due to the United States, by the purchasers of public land," approved on the 18th May, 1824; were severally read the first and second time and referred; the 1st, to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Conway, Mr. Brent, Mr. Letcher, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Houston; the 2d, to the Committee on Military Affairs; the 3d, to the Committee on Public Lands; the 4th, to the Committee on the Judiciary, and the 5th, to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled An act to amend an act for the establishment of a territorial Government in Florida, and for other purposes;" were read and concurred in by the House.

The following messages in writing were received from the President of the United States, viz:

First. To the House of Representatives of the United States.

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 13th instant, requesting the President to communicate any information he may possess in relation to the intercourse and trade now carried on between the people of the United States (and particularly the people of the state of Missouri,) and the Mexican provinces; how and by what route that trade or intercourse is carried on; in what it consists; the distance, &c. the nations of Indians through which it passes; their dispositions, whether pacific or otherwise; the advantages resulting or likely to result from that trade or intercourse; I herewith transmit a communication from the Department of State, which contains all the information which has yet been collected in relation to those subjects.

May 24th, 1824.
JAMES MONROE.

The said message was read and laid upon the table.

Second. To the House of Representatives of United States.

In compliance with a resolution of the 20th instant, I transmit herewith to the House of Representatives, a report of David Shriver, superintendent of the Cumberland Road, stating the manner in which the appropriation made at the last session for the repair of that road has been expended, and also the present condition of the road.

JAMES MONROE.

May 24th, 1824.
The said message was read and laid upon the table.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the regulation of Steam Boats, and for the security of passengers therein; reported by Mr. BARTLETT, that the Committee had according to order had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein. And on the question, "Shall the Committee of the whole, have leave to sit again?" It was determined in the negative. And then the House determined to take a recess until 5 o'clock.

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The joint resolution from the Senate, "providing a place of deposit for the Portrait of Columbus, and directing the distribution of certain copies of the declaration of Independence now in the Department of State; was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. CONWAY, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to fix the western boundary line of the territory of Arkansas, and for other purposes;" reported the same without amendment—committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill supplementary to an act providing for the examination of titles to land in that part of the State of Louisiana, situated between the Rio Hondo and the Sabine rivers, be discharged from the further consideration thereof; the said bill was then amended in the House, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

On motion of Mr. TAYLOR, *Resolved*, That the execution of the resolution of this House, directing the disposition and removal of the building south of the Capitol now used for Committee rooms, be suspended until after the next session of Congress.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz: An act concerning wrecks on the coast of Florida; An act supplementary to an act providing for the examination of titles to land in that part of the state of Louisiana, situated between the Rio Hondo and Sabine rivers; were severally read the third time, and PASSED.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill for the regulation of Steam Boats, and for the security of passengers therein; when it was, *Ordered* to be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill to authorize the legislature of the state of Ohio, to sell and convey certain tracts of land granted to said state for the use of the people thereof, and that said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill granting to the Corporation of Tuscaloosa, certain lots and privileges over the reservations and commons in said town, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill authorizing repayment for land erroneously sold by the United States, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-day.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act granting to the Corporation of Tuscaloosa, certain lots and privileges over the reservations and commons of said town," was read the third time, and PASSED.

Mr. FORSYTH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to which have been referred, during the present session, sundry petitions and memorials from Insurance Companies, and from merchants and other citizens of the United States, upon the subject of spoliations committed on their commerce on the high seas as well as in certain ports, under orders or decrees of the Government of France, subsequent to the year 1806, made a report thereon, which was laid upon the table. *Adjourned*.

Tuesday, May 25th, 1824—138th day.

Mr. McLANE, of Del., from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George Fisher," reported their agreement thereto; the said amendments were read at the Clerks table, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. PLUMER, of N. H., from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in further addition to an act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed on that subject;" reported the same without amendment—committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-day.

Mr. HARVEY, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing an examination and survey of the harbour of Charleston, in South-Carolina, of St. Mary's, in Georgia, and of the coast of Florida, and for other purposes;" reported the same without amendment—committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-day.

Mr. HAMILTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris," made a report thereon, recommending an amendment to said bill—committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-day.

Mr. RANKIN, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act explanatory of an act confirming claims to lots in the town of Mobile;" reported the same without amendment—on motion postponed indefinitely.

Mr. RANKIN, from the same Committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to extinguish Indian claims to lands within the state of Missouri;" reported the same with amendments—committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-day.

Mr. RANKIN, from the same Committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to complete the survey of the southern and western boundary of the state of Missouri;" reported the same without amendment—committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-day.

Mr. RANKIN, from the same Committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act explanatory of an act, entitled An act to provide for the extinguishment of the debt due to the United States by the purchasers of public lands," approved May 18th, 1824, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. COOK, then moved to amend the said bill, by adding an additional section thereto, when the bill was ordered to be laid upon the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Forrest," be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. COCKE, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, who were instructed by resolution adopted on the 26th March last, to make certain enquiries therein specified in relation to the late system of trade with the Indian tribes, made a report, which was laid upon the table.

Mr. ALEX. SMYTH, from the Joint Library Committee, made a report on the petition of E. Little; whereupon, *Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Ordered, That the Joint Library Committee, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Ira Hill, and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

On motion of Mr. LIVERMORE, *Resolved*, That there be allowed to the postmaster of this House, for his prompt and faithful services as such, an extra compensation of one hundred dollars in addition to what was allowed him at the end of the last session of Congress, to be paid by the Clerk out of the contingent fund.

On motion of Mr. NEALE, *Resolved*, That the Clerk be directed to procure and cause to be deposited in his office fifty copies of the laws, &c. of Congress, in relation to the District of Columbia, as compiled by Samuel Burch.

On motion of Mr. HERRICK, *Resolved*, That so much of a resolution passed by this House on the 23d day of December last, as contains the following words, viz: "And the amount of postage which accrued on each route after deducting the compensation of postmasters and incidental expenses for one year next preceding the first day of April last," be and the same is hereby recinded.

The resolution submitted by Mr. CAMBRELENG, yesterday, was taken up, read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. STRONG laid the following resolution on the table for consideration, to-morrow, viz: *Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be directed to report, at the next session of Congress, his opinion upon the claim of Pelatiah Fitch, of the state of New-York, which was referred to him by order of this House, on the ninth day of January, 1822.

Mr. SEWART laid the following resolution on the table for consideration, to-morrow, viz: *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury, be directed to report to this House, at the next session of Congress, the amount of losses sustained during the last eight years, upon bonds given for the duties upon imports, distinguishing the amount in each year, and to state whether any, and if any, what measures should be adopted by Congress to prevent similar losses in future; and also what effect the total repeal or limitation of the credits now given for said duties would in his opinion bear upon the revenue.

The joint resolution from the Senate, providing a place of deposit for the portrait of Columbus, and directing the distribution of certain copies of the declaration of Independence now in the Department of State, was read the third time, and PASSED.

Mr. CONDICT submitted the following joint resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to institute, with all convenient despatch, an inquiry into the causes of the fatal disasters which have so frequently occurred on board Steam Boats, navigating the waters of the United States, and that he be authorized to call to his aid the knowledge and experience of such engineers and skilful men as he may deem competent and best qualified to decide.

2. *Resolved*, That the said Secretary be, and he is hereby, empowered, after such advisement, to prescribe and publish such rules and regulations for constructing the apparatus of vessels propelled by fire or steam; the mode of regulating the power; the materials composing the boilers; with all other regulations which, from time to time, he may deem necessary and proper, to afford the best security to the lives of passengers and crews.

3. *Resolved*, That, from and after the — day of —, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, to withhold a license from any vessel propelled by fire or steam, until satisfactory proof be made, that the owner or commander thereof, has in all respects conformed to the rules and regulations prescribed for such vessels—and any licence granted thereafter, shall be considered null and void, on failure of the owner or commander to comply with the terms.

4. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, to report his proceeding hereon at an early period of the next session.

The said resolution was read, and the question was put, "Will the House now proceed to consider the same?" And was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions and documents of David Cooper and Benjamin Burd.

Mr. LIVINGSTON, from the Committee appointed on the 19th of April ultimo, on an address or memorial of Ninian Edwards, preferring certain charges against the Secretary of the Treasury, made a report, which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. LIVINGSTON then moved the following order: *Ordered*, That the Committee, to which was referred the address of Ninian Edwards, be required to sit after the adjournment of the House, for such time as may be necessary in their judgment for further examination, that any additional report which may be made by them, be filed in the office of Clerk of the House, and that any three members of the Committee be a quorum for the transaction of business; read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. FORSYTH then moved that the Clerk of the House be directed to lay before the President of the United States, a copy of the report first made by the Committee, together with a copy of the address or answer of the Secretary of the Treasury, directed to the said Committee. The question was stated to agree to this motion, when it was ordered to be laid upon the table.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act explanatory of an act, entitled An act for the relief of the officers, volunteers, and other persons engaged in the late campaign against the Seminole Indians," passed 4th May, 1822; reported by Mr. CONDICT with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House, and the amendments ordered to be engrossed, and the bill to be read a third time, to-day.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act explanatory of an act, entitled "An act to provide for the extinguishment of the debt to the United States by the purchasers of public lands," approved 18th May, 1824, and the amendments proposed to the said bill being rejected, it was ordered that the said bill be read a third time now; which was read a third time accordingly, and PASSED.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Alexander Scott, late Collector at Pensacola;" reported without amendment by Mr. RICH—read a third time as ordered, and PASSED.

Also on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the final adjustment of land claims in the state of Missouri and territory of Arkansas, derived from the Governments of France and Spain;" reported by Mr. BRECK without amendment, and laid upon the table.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the masters of vessels in certain cases to clear out either at the Custom House of Pittsburgh, or that of Richmond," were read and concurred in by the House.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Mitchell," were read and referred to the Committee of Claims.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act changing the mode of surveying the public lands on any river, lake, bayou, or water course in the state of Mississippi and territory of Arkansas," were read and concurred in by the House.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, approved 3d March, 1819, entitled "An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land in the Land Offices," were read and concurred in by the House.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington," passed 15th May, 1820, were read and referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel White;" reported without amendment by Mr. BEECHER—read a third time as ordered, and PASSED.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of John H. Howland, of New-York;" reported by Mr. ALEXANDER, of Virginia, without amendment—read a third time as ordered, and PASSED.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to fix the western boundary line of the territory of Arkansas, and for other purposes;" reported by Mr. SHARPE, without amendment.

The question was then put, Shall this bill be read a third time? and passed in the negative. So the said bill was rejected.

The following messages in writing were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. MOSHER his Secretary.

First.—*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I transmit to the House of Representatives a report from the Secretary of State, concerning a resolution of that House of the 20th of April last, which was referred to him.

May 25th, 1824.

JAMES MONROE.

Read and laid upon the table.

Second.—*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I transmit to the House of Representatives a report from the Secretary of State, with an appendix to a report from him already communicated to the House.

May 24th, 1824.

JAMES MONROE.

Read, and laid upon the table. Adjourned.

Wednesday, May 26th, 1824—139th day.

Mr. NEWTON, from the Committee on Commerce, made a report on the memorial of R. R. Henry, which was read, when it was Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Robert R. Henry.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of William Hasty, Joshua Whitney and others, and of sundry inhabitants of Cincinnati, in the state of Ohio, referred on the 3d of March, 1824, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. WEBSTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the Representative of Thomas Robinson, deceased, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of inhabitants of the city of Washington, referred on the 5th of April ultimo, and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Navy: also, from the consideration of the petition of G. R. Spence, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. KENT, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act amendatory of an act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington," passed the 15th of May, 1820, reported their agreement to the same; read and concurred in by the House.

Mr. RICH, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Mitchell," reported their agreement thereto, with amendments, which were read and agreed to by the House.

The said amendment was then read and concurred in by the House as amended.

Mr. WILLIAMS, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Forrest, reported the same without amendment—laid upon the table.

Mr. ALEXANDER SMYTH, from the Joint Library Committee, made a report on the petition of Mitchener Cadwallader, which was read and laid upon the table.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed on the 29th of March last, on the petition of James Griffith, be discharged therefrom, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. McDUFFIE moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to avail himself of all the means in his power to ascertain whether any further evidence can be obtained in relation to the claim of the heirs of Caron de Beaumarchais; and that if any such evidence should be obtained, that he communicate the same to this House at an early period of the next session.

The said resolution was read, and disagreed to by the House.

The resolution laid on the table yesterday by Mr. STEWART, was taken up, read, and agreed to by the House, amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House, at the next session of Congress, the amount of losses sustained during the last two years upon bonds given for the duties upon imports; distinguishing the amount in each year; and to state whether any, and if any, what measures should be adopted by Congress to prevent similar losses in future; and also what effect the total repeal or limitation of the credits now given for said duties, would, in his opinion, have upon the revenue.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions and document of James R. Mullany, William Wickham, David M. Lewis, Joseph Wetherall, and Gates Hoit.

Mr. HAMILTON laid the following resolution on the table for consideration, to-morrow, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the War Department be instructed to lay before Congress at the commencement of the next session of Congress, a statement of the present state of the works at Dauphin Island, and of the materials which were collected at that point; as well also a statement of the probable loss which the country may have sustained from the suspension of said works; and that he moreover be instructed to submit a plan and estimate for the works

to be erected on Dauphin Island: *Provided*, The executive should still deem the such fortification necessary.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the Representatives of Thomas Robinson, deceased, was read the third time and PASSED.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, made on the 24th instant, on memorials and petitions upon the subject of spoliations on the commerce of the United States, committed by authority of the French Government; Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House, at the next session, as early as the public interest will permit the correspondence which may be held with the Government of France prior to that time, on the subject of injuries sustained by citizens of the United States since the year 1806.

A motion was made by Mr. Ross, that the House do re-consider the vote taken yesterday on the question, Shall the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to fix the western boundary line of the territory of Arkansas," and for other purposes, be read a third time.

And on the question, Will the House re-consider the said vote? it passed in the affirmative.

The question was then again put, Shall the bill be read a third time? and passed in the affirmative.

To day was then assigned for the reading of the said bill,—and being read a third time. On the question shall it pass? determined in the affirmative—Yea 70, Nays 58.

YEAS, 70—Messrs. Abbot, Adams, Alexander, Va. Alexander, Ten. J. S. Barbour, Breck, Brent, Buckner, Cocke, Condict, Cook, Craig, Cushman, Findlay, Floyd, Foot, Con. Forward, Harris, Henry, Holcombe, Houston, Ingham, Isaacs, Jenkins, Jennings, F. Johnson, Kent, Kidder, Kremer, Lawrence, Leftwich, Litchfield, Little, Livermore, Livingston, McArthur, McDuffie, McKim, Martindale, Metcalfe, Mitchell, Pen. Mitchell, Md. Moore, Ken. Neale, Patterson, Penn. Patterson, Ohio, Plumer, Penn. Reynolds, Richards, Rich, Rose, Ross, Scott, Sloan, Standifer, A. Stevenson, J. Stephenson, Stewart, Strong, Swan, Tallaferro, Tattnall, Taylor, Tex., Udree, Van Wyck, Warfield, Williams, N. C. James Wilson, Henry Wilson.

NAYS, 58—Messrs. Bartlett, Beecher, Blair, Cambreleng, Campbell, S. C. Cary, Cobb, Crafts, Culpeper, Cuthbert, Durfee, Dwinell, Dwight, Eddy, Foote, N. Y. Forsyth, Frost, Gatlin, Gist, Gurley, Hall, Hamilton, Harvey, Hayden, Hobart, Hogboom, Hooks, Lee, Lincoln, McCoy, McKee, McLane, Del. Matlack, Matson, Moore, Ala. Nelson, Newton, Plumer, N. H. Poinsett, Rankin, Reed, Sharpe, Alex. Smyth, Spaight, Thompson, Geo. Thompson, Ken. Tomlinson, Tucker, Va. Tucker, S. C. Vance, N. C. Vance, Ohio, Webster, Whipple, Whitman, Williams, Va. Wilson, S. C. Wood, Wright.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act enabling the claimants to land within the state of Missouri and territory of Arkansas, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims," were read and concurred in by the House.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building of light houses, light vessels, and beacons therein mentioned, and for other purposes," were read and committed to the Committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the employment of additional clerks and certain messengers and assistants, and other persons in the several departments," were read and concurred in by the House.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for the military service of the United States, for the year 1824, and for other purposes," were read and concurred in by the House.

The House resumed the consideration of the order moved by Mr. Livingston yesterday, requiring the Committee appointed on the address of Ninian Edwards, to sit after the adjournment of Congress, &c.

On motion of Mr. ALEXANDER SMYTH, the said order was amended by striking therefrom these words: "And that any three members of the Committee be a quorum for the transaction of business."

A motion was then made by Mr. Forsyth, further to amend said order, by appending thereto the following words: "And that the clerk of this House be directed to transmit to the President of the United States a copy of the report made by the said Committee, with the documents accompanying the same."

Mr. Cook moved to amend the said amendment, by striking out all after the words "and that," and inserting as follows: "The report of the Select Committee on the memorial of Ninian Edwards, together with all the reports made to the Senate and House of Representatives by the Secretary of the Treasury, on the subject of the deposit of public money in several banks employed as depositories of public money subsequently to the 1st day of January, 1817, and all the correspondence between the Treasury Department and the said banks; and also all the reports from the Treasury Department since the year 1817, on the subject of the illicit introduction of Africans into the United States, with the documents accompanying the same, be communicated to the President of the United States, and that the clerk of the House do transmit the same agreeably to this order." And on the question to agree to this amendment, it was determined in the negative.

The question was then on the amendment proposed by Mr. FORSYTH, and was also determined in the negative.

The said order was then amended by striking out the word made, and adding after the word "House" the words, to be by him printed and forwarded to the members of Congress.

Mr. ALEX. SMYTH, then moved further to amend the same, by inserting the word "only" after the word "examination," which motion being disagreed to by the House, he moved that the said order be laid upon the table, which was also decided in the negative. And the said order was then agreed to by the House, amended to read as follows:

Ordered, That the Committee, to which was referred the address of Ninian Edwards, be required to sit after the adjournment of the House, for such time as shall be necessary in their judgment for further examination; that any additional report which may be agreed upon by them, be filed in the office of the Clerk

of the House of Representatives, to be by him printed and forwarded to the members of Congress."

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the state of the Union, and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. FORSYTH reported the agreement of the Committee to the third, sixth, seventh, and eighth amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the building of Light-Houses, Light vessels and Beacons, therein mentioned, and for other purposes, and their disagreement to the first, second, and fifth amendments of the Senate to the said bill."

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of the whole on the state of the Union, as above, and concurred therein.

Mr. WEBSTER submitted the following resolution: *Resolved*, That it is expedient to establish a uniform system of Bankruptcy throughout the United States; read, and laid upon the table.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris, and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. BRENT reported that the Committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Ordered, That the said bill be laid upon the table.

Mr. WHIPPLE, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred a message from the President of the United States, communicating a report from Alexander Hamilton, a land Commissioner in Florida, made a report thereon, which was read; whereupon, it was, *Resolved*, That the President of the United States, be requested to cause to be prepared and transmitted to the Commissioners for the examination of claims and titles to land in Florida, such instruction touching their powers and the performance of their duties under the existing laws as he may deem necessary, from an examination of the report of Alexander Hamilton, one of the Commissioners, and the report of the other two Commissioners for East Florida.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to adopt such measures as he may deem necessary for the safe keeping and security of the public records of the Spanish Government, in relation to lands in Florida. And then the House determined to take a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in further addition to an act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed on that subject, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be read a third time now. The said bill was accordingly read a third time, and PASSED.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the several petitions, with their accompanying documents, which have heretofore been presented to the House of Representatives for remuneration for losses sustained on the Niagara frontier in the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. TAYLOR, from the Committee appointed to make distribution of the rooms in the Capitol appropriated to the use of the House of Representatives, reported that the Committee had distributed the rooms in the following manner:

To the Speaker, No. 3 of the south wing; Committee of Elections, the room in the 4th story of the centre building over No. 23; of Ways and Means, No. 77, south wing; of Claims, No. 50 of the south wing; of Commerce, No. 49 of the centre building; on the Public Lands, north west corner room 4th story; on the Post Office and Post Roads, No. 42 centre building; for the District of Columbia, southwest corner basement story; on the Judiciary, room in the 4th story over No. 14; on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, No. 69, south wing; on Public Expenditures, No. 43 of the centre building; on Private Land Claims, No. 39 of the centre building; on Manufactures, room in the 4th story over No. 15; on Agriculture, room in the 4th story over No. 22; on Indian Affairs, No. 59 of the south wing; on Military Affairs, room to the right of the west entrance on the basement story; on Naval Affairs, No. 64, south wing; on Foreign Affairs, southwest corner room 4th story; of Revisal and Unfinished Business, No. 70, south wing; of Accounts, No. 65, south wing; on Expenditures, in the different Departments shall have the right of holding their meetings in the rooms appropriated to the Committee appointed on the subjects to which they severally relate; Clerk of the House and his Clerks, No. 14, 15, 16, centre building; Sergeant-at-Arms, No. 2, south wing.

The unappropriated rooms shall be subject to the order and disposal of the Speaker, until the further order of the House.

The said report was read and agreed to.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to complete the survey of the southern and western boundary of the state of Missouri," reported to the House, by Mr. CONDICT, without amendment, read the third time, and PASSED.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing an examination and survey of the harbour of Charleston, S. C. and St. Mary's, in Georgia, and of the coast of Florida, and for other purposes," and reported by Mr. SHARP, without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time now. The said bill was accordingly read the third time, and PASSED.

Ordered, That the bill to authorize the Legislature of the state of Ohio to sell and convey certain tracts of land granted to said state for the use of the people thereof, and the bill authorizing the re-payment for land erroneously sold by the United States, which bills were, on Monday the 24th instant, ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time, respectively, be read the third time, on the first Monday in December next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act, supplementary to an act, passed 13th June, 1812, entitled 'An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the territory of Missouri,'" reported by Mr. COCKE with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House; the amendments ordered to be engrossed, and the bill to be read a third time to-day.

M. CONDICT moved the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to enquire and report to this House, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, what are the material causes of those fatal

disasters which have so frequently occurred on board steamboats in the waters of the United States, and what regulations may, in his opinion, afford better security to the lives of passengers and crews. And, for the purpose of this enquiry, the Secretary is hereby authorized to call to his assistance the knowledge and experience of engineers, and others skilled in navigating and constructing vessels propelled by fire or steam.

The rule which requires that a proposition requesting information to be furnished by the head of an executive department, shall lie on the table one day for consideration, being in the case of the above resolution, dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the House.

The question was taken to agree to the said resolution, and passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Josiah Parlin.

On motion of Mr. NEWTON, *Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House be directed to make the same compensation to the extra clerks employed to expedite the engrossing and enrolling the bills of the House, as has heretofore been allowed by the Committee for similar services.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act, supplementary to an act, passed 13th June, 1812, entitled 'An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the territory of Missouri,'" was read the third time, and passed with amendments.

On motion of Mr. TAYLOR, *Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House cause to be prepared a list of all business remaining undetermined, which, by an existing rule, is to be resumed in the state in which the same now is, and acted upon at the next session of Congress; designating that which is committed, from that which is laid upon the table, and that a copy of said list, when printed, be forwarded by mail to each member of this House. *Adjourned*.

Thursday, May 27th, 1824,—140th day.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Lewis Rouse.

On motion of Mr. TAYLOR, it was *Ordered*, That the clerk pay to such witnesses as have attended or may attend the Committee of Investigation on the address of Ninian Edwards, the usual allowance: to be certified by the Chairman of the Committee; and also that the clerk pay upon like certificate, the expense of subpoenaing witness.

On motion of Mr. TAYLOR, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed on the part of this House, jointly with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that, unless he may have other communications to make to the two Houses of Congress, they are ready to close the present session by an adjournment.

Mr. TAYLOR and Mr. DWIGHT were appointed of the said Committee, on the part of this House.

Mr. TAYLOR, from the said joint Committee, reported that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned to them, and that they received no answer from the President of the United States, that he had no further communications to make to Congress at the present session.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to notify them that this House having completed the business before them, are now ready to adjourn, and that the clerk do go with the said message. The clerk having delivered the said message, and being returned,

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. CUTTS their Secretary, notifying this House that the Senate having completed the legislative business before them, are ready to adjourn; and thereupon,

The SPEAKER adjourned the House until the *first Monday in December next*, the day fixed by the Constitution of the United States for the annual meeting of Congress.

Appointments.

OFFICIAL.

No. 33.—ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, May 28th, 1824.

ORDERS.—The following Promotions and Appointments in the Army, have been made by the President of the United States, with the advice and consent of the Senate, since the publication of the Register in January last:

PROMOTIONS.

First Regiment of Artillery.

1st lieutenant Edmund Kirby, to be captain, 1st May, 1824, vice, Dalliba, resigned.

2d lieutenant Justin Dimick, to be 1st lieutenant, 1st May, 1824, vice, Kirby, promoted.

2d lieutenant Daniel Tyler, to be 1st lieutenant, 6th May, 1824, vice, McNeill, resigned.

Brevet 2d lieutenant Andrew Kinnard, to be 2d lieutenant, 1st July, 1823.

Brevet 2d lieutenant John Farley, of the 2d Artillery, to be 2d lieutenant, 1st July, 1823.

Second Regiment of Artillery.

1st lieutenant N. Baden, brevet captain, to be captain, 1st April, 1824, vice, Roach, resigned.

2d lieutenant W. E. Williams, to be 1st lieutenant, 1st April, 1824, vice, Baden, promoted.

Brevet 2d lieutenant R. De Treville, of the 3d Artillery, to be 2d lieutenant, 1st July, 1823.

Fourth Regiment of Artillery.

Brevet 2d lieutenant Frederick Searle, of the 1st Artillery, to be 2d lieutenant, 1st July, 1823.

Fourth Regiment of Infantry.

Captain S. Donoho, brevet major, to be major, 1st May, 1824, vice, Bradford, resigned.

1st lieutenant William Lear, to be captain, 1st May, 1824, vice, Donoho, promoted.

2d lieutenant George Mountz, to be 1st lieutenant, 1st May, 1824, vice, Lear, promoted.

Fifth Regiment of Infantry.

1st lieutenant Robert A. M'Cabe, to be captain, 1st May, 1824, vice, Cass, resign ed.

2d lieutenant Joseph M. Baxley, to be 1st lieut, 1st May, 1824, vice, M'Cabe, promoted.

Seventh Regiment of Infantry.

1st lieutenant John Philbrick, to be captain, 1st May, 1824, vice, Jones, re-signed.

2d lieutenant Edgar S. Hawkins, to be 1st lieutenant, 22d January, 1824, vice Hobkirk, dismissed.

2d lieutenant Charles Thomas, to be 1st lieutenant, 1st March, 1824, vice, Bronough, resigned.

2d lieutenant James Dawson, to be 1st lieutenant, 1st May, 1824, vice, Philbrick, promoted.

William Macrea, lieutenant colonel, 2d Regiment Artillery, 19th April, 1824, to be colonel by brevet, to rank 19th April, 1824, for ten years' faithful service in same grade.

Thomas Hamilton, captain 5th Regiment of Infantry, 21st February, 1814, to be major by brevet, to rank 21st February, 1824, for ten years' faithful service in same grade.

M. M. Payne, captain 4th Regiment of Artillery, 2d March, 1814, to be major by brevet, to rank 2d March, 1824, for ten years' faithful service in same grade.

Hezekiah Bradley, captain, third Regiment of Infantry, 19th April, 1814, to be major by brevet, to rank 19th April, 1824, for ten years' faithful service in same grade.

Alexander R. Thompson, captain 2d Regiment of Infantry, 1st May, 1814, to be major by brevet, to rank 1st May, 1824, for ten years' faithful service in same grade.

John Anderson, Topographical Engineer, to be lieutenant colonel by brevet, from 12th April, 1823, having served as a brevet major, and performed the appropriate duties of that grade for ten years continuously.

Isaac Roberdeau, Topographical Engineer, to be lieutenant colonel by brevet, from 29th April, 1823, having served as a brevet major, and performed the appropriate duties of that grade for ten years continuously.

APPOINTMENTS.

William Steuben Smith, to be paymaster, 22d March, 1824.

Edward Macomb, to be assistant surgeon, 20th January, 1824.

George P. Todson, to be assistant surgeon, 20th January, 1824.

James G. Percival, to be assistant surgeon, 4th March, 1824.

Gouverneur Morris, late cadet, to be 2d lieutenant, 4th Regiment of Infantry, 24th May, 1824.

Dudley W. Allanson, late cadet, to be 2d lieutenant, 5th Regiment of Infantry, 24th May, 1824.

Jasper Macomb, late cadet, to be 2d lieutenant, 7th Regiment of Infantry, 24th May, 1824.

The General in Chief announces the foregoing Promotions and Appointments, and directs the officers promoted to report for duty accordingly; those appointed have received special orders from this office. By order of Major General Brown:

CHAS. J. NOURSE, *Acting Adjutant General.*

TO OUR PATRONS.

It will be recollect that we originally proposed to publish the NATIONAL JOURNAL EXTRA during the Sessions of Congress only; which was done fearing we would not receive sufficient patronage to authorize a permanent publication upon the plan we had adopted. At an early period of the Session, however, from the liberal support given us, we mentioned our determination of continuing it regularly. It will be continued, and sent to all our subscribers to the Journal, as well as to the Extra, unless directions to the contrary are given.

We will continue to fill it with OFFICIAL PAPERS exclusively.

The present Number contains the conclusion of the *Proceedings of Congress*; for the next we have selected, as one of the most important documents, the Negotiations for the Suppression of the African Slave Trade, upon which subject, all the papers will be given in connexion. It was our intention to have given them this week, but have found it impracticable;—they will, probably, appear upon Wednesday.